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In re application of :  
Michael Showell et al. :  
Serial No. 09/889,254 :  
Filed: February 1, 2002 :  
For: DETERGENT POUCHES COMPRISING A PECTATE :  
LYASE :

DECISION ON  
PETITION

This is a response to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT filed January 26, 2004. The petition requests that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of January 13, 2004, for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on July 7, 2003 be withdrawn. The petitioner asserts that a timely response was filed on November 7, 2003.

**DECISION**

The instant request has been accepted as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) - no abandonment-in-fact. A review of the USPTO application file reveals that applicant's response was properly filed on November 7, 2003 in view of the fact that the originally filed papers having a Patent and Trademark Office date stamp of November 11, 2003 thereon have been located in the USPTO application file. Accordingly, any holding of abandonment is hereby vacated, and the application has been returned to pending status.

The application shall be forwarded to the examiner for processing and consideration of the papers filed November 7, 2003.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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